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COL. JOHN J. McCOOK.

Col. John J. McCook, who declined to be Secretary of the Interior in President McKinley's cabinet, is one of the best known lawyers in New York. He is also highly honored for his intimate association with charitable and religious institutions. Col. McCook won his title in the civil war. He belongs to the "fighting McCooks." Every one of that distinguished family fought for the country, and some of them died for it. The colonel is now in his 52d year. He was a youth when the great crisis came, and he at once became a Union soldier, fought bravely in a score of battles and came out a colonel. He then resumed his college studies, read law and settled to practice his profession in New York. As a lawyer he made an enviable success. He has never sought public honors.



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